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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BELGIUM.

No new cases of cholera.^a

The following information dated November 13 was received from Minister Lane at Brussels through the Department of State under date of December 1:

The Belgian minister for foreign affairs reports officially that since October 27 no new case of cholera has occurred in Belgium. Four cases remain under treatment at Boom in the vicinity of Antwerp.

CHINA.

Amoy—Inspection of vessels—Quarantinable diseases.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, October 19 and 26:

Week ended October 16. Original bill of health issued, October 12, to the British steamship *Taisang* with 63 in crew and 37 cabin and 162 steerage passengers for Manila. One passenger was rejected for trachoma. The crew and steerage passengers were bathed and their clothing was disinfected by steam. All on board were inspected at time of sailing. Manifests were viséed for 3,096 pieces of freight.

During the week there were reported in Amoy 39 deaths from plague, 27 deaths from cholera, and 1 death from smallpox. One death from typhus fever was reported in the international settlement of Kulangsu.

Week ended October 23. No bills of health issued.

There were reported 38 deaths from plague and 22 from cholera in Amoy.

Hongkong—Examination of emigrants—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, October 18 and 25:

Weeks ended October 16 and 23. Quarantine restrictions enforced by and against Hongkong remain as reported October 9 and 16.

Aliens for Honolulu and Pacific coast ports.—Week ended October 16: Examined 267, rejected 44. Week ended October 23: Examined 88, rejected 7.

Aliens for Philippine Islands.—Week ended October 16: Examined 12, rejected 3. Week ended October 23: Examined 6, rejected 2.

^a See Public Health Reports, November 26, 1909, page 1796.